



Stow Maries Parish Council
Minutes: Council Meeting
The Smythe Hall, Church Lane, Stow Maries
7:30pm, Monday, 30 October 2017

17/119 Members attending, apologies for absence and other attendees

Chairman: Cllr. Hollington.

Members: Cllrs. Pilgrim, Chappell and Gilmore.

Apologies: Cllr. Nunney, County Councillor Channer and District Councillors Archer and White.

Attendees: The Clerk and four members of the public.

17/120 Declaration of Interests

Cllr. Hollington expressed an interest in the Ridley Cottage bridleway bridge should it be mentioned.

17/121 To Confirm the Minutes of the last Council meeting

Resolved: The minutes of the Council Meeting held 17 July 2017 were accepted and signed as a true record.

Action: The Clerk.

17/122 Maldon District Council

No councillors present.

17/123 Clerk's report

1. After a decision by councillors to carry on meeting on the third Monday of the month, The Clerk emailed EALC to advertise the post and had received a good feedback.
2. The Clerk advised members a representative of Stow Maries Parish Council had been invited to a Civic Carol Service at 4.30pm on Friday 8th December 2017 at St Leonard's Church, Station Rd, Southminster CM10 7EW by the Chairman of Maldon District Council, Cllr Henry Bass. To assist with catering arrangements, he would be grateful if the pro-forma could be completed by the representative and email it back by 10th November.

Action: Cllr. Gilmore to reply and attend.

17/124 Highways

1. Member discussed recent road closures in the area.

Action: Members asked the Clerk to pass on to County Councillor Channer emails regarding road closures.

Action: The Clerk to write to Highways to ask for 7½ tonne limits on Honeypot Lane, Crows Lane and Church Lane and copy in Cllr. Channer.

2. A resident reported that the sign name for Hagg Hill was still missing (refer to 3e below). They were also concerned that on Church Lane the cracks on the railway bridge were getting bigger.

Action: The resident was requested to email the Clerk pictures of the cracks.

3. A discussion was held on a variety of relevant local highway issues.

Action: Members requested the Clerk to write to Essex Highways:

- a. request that the 30mph repeater sign by Glebelands to be repaired.
- b. replace the missing the gateway sign south side of Woodham Road on entering Stow Maries Village from the west.
- c. reposition the finger post at the junction of Church Lane and Lower Burnham Road (B1012) and replace the sign to Stow Maries.
- d. replace the lighted bollard on the traffic island outside the Garage that is missing and is causing a hazard at night.
- e. replace the missing street sign for Hagg Hill at its southern end.

17/125 Public rights of way

Members discussed rights of way issues.

A resident reported that on footpath 24 (up to Honey Pot Lane) there are dangerous trees which need to be removed.

A resident reported that footpath 15 where it joins the bridleway to footpath 24, a finger post is missing.

Action: Members requested the Clerk to write to Robert Boulton the Public Rights of Way Officer.

17/126 Planning**1. FUL/MAL/16/01142 (Appeal Ref: APP/X1545/W/17/3182321) Stow Maries Aerodrome.**

The Chairman reported that the Council had recently received notices giving the opportunity to comment on an appeal being lodged because of the Aerodrome's recent refusal by Maldon District Council to increase flight movement numbers and simultaneously on a new planning application submitted by the airfield for substantially the same thing.

The Chairman confirmed because of the imminence of the deadline for the appeal it was necessary to liaise with Members over a response to be made by the Council and a written representation had been agreed and submitted to the Appeal's Inspector along with copies of the Council's earlier comments and representations during the planning consultation period.

Resolved: Members unanimously agreed to the Chairman's actions.

2. FUL/MAL/17/01071 PP-06370592 Stow Maries Aerodrome.

Members discussed the issues raised by the new application to increase flight movement numbers from 360 to 4,200, including new daily limits and to increase the number of events and even other days on which displays could take place. Other matters such as footpath closures and inappropriate access to the airfield were also discussed by Members.

Resolved: Members recommended refusal of the application and to submit a response and justification for recommending refusal. It was agreed this response be brought to Members for consideration before submission.

Members discussed the position in which the Council had been placed in responding to these two issues of the appeal and new application simultaneously and in such a limited time frame.

Resolved: The Clerk should write to Maldon District Council requesting formally that the application be deferred until the appeal was heard or alternatively that it extends the period for response to give adequate time for full and proper representation to be made. It was understood the planning authority had discretion to act in either regard.

Action: The Clerk to write to Maldon District Council.

3. FUL/MAL/17/01128 PP-06291462 Land east of Bradwell Power Station.**No objections**

This planning application was received after the agenda had been advertised.

Action: The Clerk under delegated powers will advise Maldon District Council of Council's decision.

17/127 Website

Deferred to next meeting

Action: The Clerk and meanwhile investigate costs for website and email

17/128 Training and Parish Transport

Nothing to report.

17/129 Litter, Dog Bins, and Grass Cutting

The Clerk advised the grass had been cut for the 8th time this year.

17/130 Broadband

Residents and Members advised they hoped it would be coming to the Village by next year.

17/131 To consider quotes for notice boards

Action: The Clerk to email Members two references to appropriate websites resulting from research into suitable notice boards.

17/132 Neighbourhood watch

Cllrs. Chappell and Pilgrim both advised members that the meetings were not getting any support from the police any more.

17/133 Defibrillator for the Village – update

The Clerk finished the new application for the defibrillator and had posted it.

17/134 Financial matters, including approval of payments

1. Bank Reconciliation

Members received the bank reconciliation.

2. Payments.

The following invoices were presented for payment:

Date	Payee	Amount	Less VAT	Description
25/9/17	K. Smiles	£585.70	N/A	Salary and expenses for August and September
	999inks	£37.45	£31.20	Printer ink
	123Connect	£18.00	£15.00	Domain name – (stowmaries-pc.gov.uk)
	Dengie Hundred Group	£15.00	£15.00	Affiliation fees
30/10/17	K. Smiles	£533.64	N/A	Salary and expenses for October and November

Resolved: The above accounts were approved for payment and the cheques were signed and completed

3. The Clerk received the external auditor certificate and report 2016/17. The Clerk has now published the 'notice of conclusion of audit'.

17/135 To consider setting the budget

A draft budget was distributed to Members for consideration. Setting the budget is deferred to the next meeting.

Action: The Clerk

17/136 To consider correspondence received

The correspondence was passed out among councillors.

17/137 Exclusion of Press and Public

Resolved: Under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and representatives of the press and broadcast media be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

17/138 To note the resignation of The Clerk

Members accepted the resignation of the Clerk. Cllr. Hollington thanked the Clerk on behalf of the Council. The Clerk thanked councillors for their support and said it had been a privilege to work for Stow Maries Parish Council.

17/139 Appointment of the new Clerk

Members had interviewed three candidates for the Clerk's vacancy prior to the meeting.

Resolved: To appoint Mr. Harris as Clerk to the Council with effect from 6th October 2017 on SCP15 with a 6-month standard probationary period.

Action: The Clerk to advise the candidates

17/140 Items for next agenda

1. Planning:

FUL/MAL/17/01071 PP-06370592 Stow Maries Aerodrome.

To approve the cost of the printing for the objection.

2. Date of next meeting: **Monday 11th December 2017.**

Meeting closed at 10.20 p.m.

Signed:  Date: 11/12/2017